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The State Capital

Friends in Columbia of Mrs. Springs Saddened by her Death--Waverley's Recent Tragedies--The Reunion this Week--Other Matters.

Mr. Editor: The many friends of Mrs. Leroy Springs in this city were saddened to hear of her death. There are many Lancastrians besides numerous other friends here who extend their deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the father, the husband and the son, who have been called upon to give up their loved one. May they be given strength to bear their sorrow.

There are no new developments in the recent Waverley tragedy, an account of which was given in today's News. Some believe that Mr. Wescott came to his death at his own hands, as there were two empty chambers in his pistol, which corresponded to the pistol shots. However, this is hardly probable owing to the position of the wound. Wescott seemed to be happy and content with his lot and there is little if any reason to show that he should commit suicide. He was a butcher and at 5 o'clock Thursday morning he started to his work as was his custom. His son, about 16 years of age, came along a little later as usual to deliver packages and help his father. Since the double tragedy at Shandon Wescott, on the advice of his friends, has carried his pistol in his hand, as he had money on his person. The boy came along and found his father dead, and it is wonderful what presence of mind he showed. He would not go home first but went to a nearby house. One man, named Gardner, who was "talking" a great deal, has been arrested but may be let go. Some think that there is a connection between this and the Shandon tragedy. Why not?

Everything is about ready now (Saturday) for the coming of the veterans. Tents have been placed on the State House grounds where there will be a representation of camp life scenes of 1861-65. Let Lancaster turn out with a big crowd.

Yes, "Former Lancastrian," we like to see a man boast of his home team. Our teams, Columbia and Macon, have just finished a series. The Gamecocks took two from the Macon boys. Too bad! But we had to do it to pull us out of the cellar. We have nothing "agin" your team, "Former Lancastrian". We want to win the pennant and as it would seem "greedy" for Columbia to be first and Charleston second, we would not mind seeing Macon just a few points behind us.

Speaking of "Former Lancastrian," we enjoy reading his letters to your good paper. They are entertaining and interesting. They are newsy. We also en-

joy other letters, too. Come again, Mr. Twitty, "Former Lancastrian," Mr. Stack and others.

We see the "R. F. D. boys" are not working up that association. Why not? "Time Flies!" "Get a hump on you," ye employees of "Uncle Sam."

There will be an election on the dispensary question soon in Richland county. It will probably "Go!"

LET US ALL PUSH LANCASTER.

Lancastrian.

Columbia, S. C., May 4, 1907. P. S. Since writing the above there has been another tragedy in Waverley. This time all parties are negroes. A negro, John Jacobs, has killed another named Will Johnson and possibly his wife, Bessie Jacobs. Jacobs came home at 11:30 Saturday night and couldn't get in. Going around the house he found Johnson in his house, which was forbidden. He used a hammer on the parties.

Rewards have been offered for the arrest of the party or parties connected with the Wescott tragedy, by Mayor T. H. Gibbes and Gov. Ansel.

Mr. Editor, what is the meaning of JOLLY? L.

Nearly 40 Men Entombed by Walls of Dam Giving Way.

San Antonio, Texas, May 5.—A special from Chihuahua, Mex., says.

Without an instant's warning the great walls of the Chivuscar dam gave way yesterday, engulfing nearly 40 men under the enormous weight of masonry and water, between 15 and 20 of whom are dead, 13 injured and others unaccounted for. Some of the injured will die.

The disaster is only the last of a large number which have recently claimed nearly 200 victims in this State, and mostly in the neighborhood of Chihuahua.

Belair School Closing last Friday.

Mr. Editor: Miss Emma Hunter's school at Belair closed May 3rd. On account of Miss Hunter's mother's death, she was called home one month ago and supplied the school with Miss Winn. No exhibition on the program, but a fine educational address was made by Mr. Abernathy of Waxhaw. Miss Hunter has a splendid reputation as a teacher. She is one of the best qualified and most thorough teachers in the county. It will be recalled that she passed the State examination last July. She declined an offer extended her for the school next year. J. F. H.

Death of a Child.

Little Robert, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Blackmon, of Kershaw, died last Saturday, of pneumonia, aged about one year. The remains were buried Sunday in the Kershaw cemetery.

Terrible Storm in Texas--Several Towns Destroyed, Some Loss of Life and Great Damage to Crops.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 6.—A storm of wind and rain which was general throughout a considerable area in northern Texas today, and which at some places assumed the proportion of a tornado, according to meagre reports received here tonight, that resulted in the loss of at least two lives, the injury of many other persons, and great damage to property and crops. Several villages are wiped out.

At Deport, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 100 yards wide in the residence portion on the east side. The Baptist parsonage was blown to pieces, its timbers and the furniture scattered over the ground. R. A. Bryson's residence was demolished and several other residences damaged.

The home of William Lemmons was completely destroyed, entailing a loss of about \$10,000. Three barns on the place were also destroyed and many head of live stock killed. A tenant on the place named Barzil, with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children, saw the storm coming and made a run for a cellar. Barzil was caught by the wind and crushed by flying debris. Five of the children reached the cellar in safety, but Mrs. Barzil and two of the children were fearfully hurt and fears are entertained for their recovery.

The home of Joseph Ferguson was destroyed and Mrs. Ferguson was dangerously hurt by flying debris. Ben Pagues and his wife were badly hurt when their home was blown down, but it is thought they may recover.

Mrs. Sid Lackey was hurt and will probably.

There were others injured at Antioch, but it is impossible at this time to obtain their names. Crops in the track of the storm, which was unusually wide, are ruined.

The village of Byrd Wright was entirely destroyed and it is known that at least one death occurred there, although more may have been fatally hurt. Crawford Martin and Jay Conner were seriously wounded and may die.

Meeting of First Presbytery.

The First Presbytery of the A. R. P. church convened in Chester Monday night. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Meek White, of Unity, the retiring moderator. The Rev. R. A. Lummus, of Richburg, is the new moderator. The Presbytery comprises the counties of Lancaster, Chester, York and Fairfield and some of the border counties in North Carolina.

Who's Jolly? What's Jolly?

News in Brief.

The body of little Horace Marvin, who disappeared from the home of his father, D. Marvin, at Kitts Hammock, Del., March 4th, was found Saturday in a marsh 8 miles from home. The father believes that the boy was murdered. . . . Ernest W. Huffcut, former dean of Cornell University law school, committed suicide Saturday. . . . Judge Hydrick has refused to grant bail to William H. Mills who killed Frank Deal at Blacksburg a few weeks ago. . . . B. F. Fortner an aged farmer who lived near Pelzer, was shot and killed Saturday by his son-in-law, Neil Banks. The trouble was about a board bill Banks owed Fortner. . . . Twenty thousand bales of cotton were burned in Bremen Saturday. . . . John Shelton was hanged in Spartanburg Friday for the murder of his father-in-law, Alf Briggs. . . . There was great destruction of life and property Friday in a Chinese city—Canton—by the explosion of a powder magazine. . . . A cotton warehouse of the Williamston cotton mills was struck by lightning Friday night, causing a loss of \$2,000. . . . Sheriff Robt F. McCaslan of Greenwood county died Sunday. . . . An unknown negro attempted to assault Mrs. Charles Sellers of Marion county, S. C., Sunday night, severely choking her, but the brute was frightened away by the screaming of some of the children. . . . There are 12 murder cases to be tried at Laurens court which convened Monday. . . . Calvin Cooper, young white man, sawyer at a mill near McCormick, lost an arm Saturday by being struck by a piece that broke loose from a revolving wheel. . . . John L. Sherwood, a prominent young business man of Dillon, this state, fell Monday from a hospital window in Fayetteville, N. C., and was killed. . . . A negro was shot and killed Monday for attempting to assault the 11-year old daughter of Mr. John Sawyer, in Marion county, S. C.

Another Improvement in Sight--Handsome Building to Adorn the Mackey Lot.

Another handsome business house is to be erected in Lancaster right away. It will be built by Dr. J. F. Mackey on his vacant lot at the corner of Main and Gay streets. The plans and specifications were drawn last year, as noted in The News at the time, but it was only a day or two ago that the contract was let. Mr. McCa. McManus, formerly of Lancaster, but now in Columbia, is the contractor.

The building is to be an elegant two-story brick structure. Quarters for the First National Bank will be fitted up on the first floor, and on that floor also will be a large store room. In the second story is to be a town hall or opera house. Dimensions of the building, 100x50 feet. Contractor McManus expects to have the building completed in four months.

Lightning Plays Pranks---Close Call of Man and his Wife.

Newberry special in the News and Courier: There was a heavy rain in this county last night and some rather strange freaks were played by lightning, though no serious damage was done. Mr. Warren Suber, who lives in the Kinard section some 12 miles north of Newberry, told of a rather remarkable case. He says lightning struck a house on his place, which was occupied by Mr. Motes and his wife. It came through the roof, struck the bed in which Mr. and Mrs. Motes were sleeping, tore the posts into shreds, shattered the headboard, went through the floor and killed a dog under the house and did not as much as shock Mr. and Mrs. Motes. It could not be learned whether or not they were occupying a feather bed.

The barn of Mr. J. H. Chappell, one mile west of Newberry, was also struck, and one corner torn to shreds and a cow in one of the stalls was killed. The stalls on either side were occupied by a mule and a horse, and neither was hurt. The barn did not burn, and Mr. Chappell is congratulating himself that the damage was no greater as he had something like one thousand dollars' worth of stock in the barn. Mr. Chappell says he felt the shock in his residence, but did not know of his loss until this morning.

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Memorial Day to be Observed--The Programme.

Memorial Day will be observed next Friday, May 10th, 4 o'clock p. m., at the graded school auditorium. Col. A. R. Banks has been chosen to act as chief marshal and Prof. John A. Jenkins assistant marshal. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The following is the programme of exercises:

Music—March.
Prayer, by Dr. Boldridge.
Music, "Dixie," sung by school.
Address, by Rev. C. P. Carter.
Music, "The Vacant Chair."
Address, by Mr. Harry Hines.
Music, "Tenting on the old camp ground," by school.
Remarks, by old Veterans.
Music, "Cover them over with Beautiful Flowers."
Roll call of veterans, by Prof. J. A. Jenkins.
Music, "Shall we meet beyond the river where the surges cease to roll?"

March to old cemetery and then to the new cemetery and decorate the graves.

The Daughters of the Confederacy earnestly request that the stores and all other places of business be closed from 4 to 6 o'clock, so as to give everybody an opportunity to attend the memorial exercises.

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